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I AM honoured to have been given a benefit match by Hereford United.

The club has been, and continues to be, a massive part of my life and my family's lives, too.

The supporters have always shown me great respect during my time here and I would like to thank all of them for their continued support.

My career here at Hereford has been anything but dull.

I arrived here from Swindon as a youngster with a little bit of first-team experience.

The team was not doing that well but had good players, the likes of Dean Smith, Steve White, Nicky Cross, Tony James and Keith Downing – they were all experienced players.

I came in and showed some good form; I enjoyed it and we made the play-offs.

The next season was a write-off for me after I dislocated my shoulder. That was disappointing from a personal point of view but it was also the season we got relegated and that was a massive blow for the club.

I had a few years away from the club and, during that time, I educated myself, part-time. In hindsight, perhaps leaving was a mistake and I should have stayed here but things are easy

in hindsight and I had good times at Yeovil and Woking.

Going away, of course, gave me the chance to come back into a new regime with Graham Turner and Richard O'Kelly and we built something quite special for that level of football.

We just missed out on the play-offs in the first year but, in the second, we ran riot and were very unfortunate not to get promoted.

We got 103 goals and it was just an absolute pleasure to play in that team.

It was one of the most exciting sides seen here and most of those players went on to better things.

When we did get promoted, two years afterwards, it was a good and a bad day for me.

I was absolutely delighted that we had achieved what we had wanted to achieve and got back into the Football League.

But, at the end of the game, I was taken off for a drugs test and missed all the celebrations! Then came the disappointment of being let go, although I understood the reasons why.

Again maybe it was fate as it allowed me to come back again into a new role here.

First I was the physio under Graham and then,



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when John Trewick left, Graham asked me to help him a little.

Then, of course, things changed dramatically in October last year when we took over.

I had a bit of experience of management under Jim Harvey at Forest Green and I was given a great opportunity here that I did not want to turn down.

The highlight last year was that amazing win at Northampton – Russell Hoult and I sat on the bench at half-time thinking that it was time to go back to our day jobs!

Then came that incredible comeback and, since then, it seems to have gone from strength to strength.

That day was one of the highs of my Edgar Street career with an incredible range of emotions flowing through the day.

Of the people that have had an influence over me, Graham Turner obviously ranks high.

I played under him for a long time and he had a big influence on me and how I played.

He was a big part of my career and I have a lot to thank him for with his loyalty to me in bringing me back here twice.

My mum and dad have stuck by me all the way –

they drove me everywhere and came and watched me during my career, whether it was playing, as physio or now as manager.

They have always given me the love and support that I needed – believe me, whatever people may think, it is a tough life being a footballer, especially at this level.

And I have to mention Richard O'Kelly – he has had a huge influence on the way I do things. We had a fantastic couple of seasons here and I have such great respect for him as a coach.

There are many people to thank for making tonight happen.

But first among these is Bolton manager Owen Coyle for bringing his excellent Bolton Wanderers team to Edgar Street.

Thank you to everyone who has made my benefit possible and to all of you for coming tonight but most of all to my wife, Kate, who has been there with me all the way, through the good times and the bad.

Her support has always kept me going.

Jamie

A BENEFIT WELL DESERVED

ALTHOUGH Jamie has not given a long period of continuous service which is usually the criterion for football clubs to award players benefit matches, during the last 16 years he has given the club unstinting service in two spells as a player, another as physio and latterly in the top job as manager. In all, that has amounted to what will be 11 years, so we felt it was due recognition to allow him a benefit game and he chose tonight's match against Bolton Wanderers.

Earlier this month he had a successful golf day in which 38 teams took part and he has a couple of other events coming up. We hope he gets a good reward which will be thoroughly deserved.

He first came to Edgar Street as a 19-year-old in 1996-97 but after two-and-a-half years he was released and subsequently played for Yeovil and Woking before coming back to Hereford in 2002. He became a popular player with the supporters particularly for always giving 100 per cent effort, as well as for his not inconsiderable skills. He was released again in 2006 and, after a spell at Forest Green, he returned to the club again to take up the post as physiotherapist.

Wiltshire-born, his wife, Kate, is a Herefordian, and while playing for other clubs, he maintained his home in Hereford and is virtually a Herefordian himself now. This has shown through in his passion for the club and that was very evident when he was thrown into the deep end and given the chance to manage after Simon Davey departed early into last season.

We think it's now apparent in a club like Hereford that, if we are to keep people here on the coaching staff for any length of time, they need to be reasonably locally based geographically. If they come from farther afield and have to stay at hotels in the city they are likely to eventually find jobs more appropriate for them.

Jamie has made a good start but in sport it's often said that the second season is the important one, so there are no excuses this time. He has been given the chance to get his own side together and play in the way he wants and we are looking forward optimistically to a successful season.

Congratulations Jamie, have a great night!



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Jamie's Career

"I hope he's brought his home-work with him," quipped BBC Hereford & Worcester sports producer Trevor Owens when an impossibly young-looking, blond, bespectacled player lugged his kit bag on to the team-coach for the first time early in 1996.

But, as we were soon to discover, that youthful appearance was hiding a mature outlook on life and intelligence which were to serve him well as he made the journey through his playing career into support staff and then management.

Talented and competitive, he played a significant part in that season as United soared from the lower reaches of the table to secure a play-off position.

And we can but speculate how United's position might have been improved in the following – relegation – year had injuries not compelled Jamie to spend most of it on the treatment table.

Jamie's talents as a hard-tackling, combative midfielder started to come to the fore as United began to come to terms with Conference football in 1997-8.

But that was to be United's fans last sight of him in a Bulls shirt for a few seasons as the lure of fresh pastures proved strong.

Two seasons at Yeovil followed, but extended time on the treatment table interrupted his progress as a player.

His next move took him further east and a couple of seasons at Woking found him, briefly, the villain rather than the hero to Hereford fans.

His soaring header in an FA Cup fourth qualifying round tie condemned the Bulls to an early exit from the competition which has brought so much glory over the years.

Jamie's return to Edgar Street at the start of the 2002-3 season was well received by all and he proved a key player in the success of the next four seasons.

His graft in midfield, allied to the odd useful goal ensured that he was a vital member of the squad and it was fitting that he was one of the 11 on the field when United made their dramatic return to the Football League at the Walkers Stadium.

Sadly, though, that was the end of his Hereford playing career and he moved on to Forest Green Rovers where he continued his work on the field with the beginnings of a new career off it.

As assistant manager to Jim Harvey, his coaching talents caught the eye.

But that aspect of his skills was put on hold when the call came to return to Edgar Street, this time as sports therapist.

His first appearance with the sponge bag, appropriately against Swindon, brought the type of cheer from the Bulls faithful which left no-one in any doubt of what an important place the returning hero had in their hearts.

Last season, he answered the call once again to step up to a new role. And by lifting the Bulls from an apparently hopeless position to safety, it seems that the 'Albino Mourinho' – as his friend and former playing colleague Ben Smith dubbed him – has plenty of success to come in management.

If the next steps on his journey prove to be as fascinating and exciting as the last few, then are plenty of thrills ahead.

Richard Prime

CAREER RECORD

(Football League and Conference appearances only)

Swindon Town 2 + 1 substitute

Hereford United 45+6, 5 goals

Yeovil Town 34+1, 2 goals

Woking 48+5, 1 goal

Hereford United 124+10, 11 goals

Forest Green 54+10, 1 goal

Jamie's Top Ten

Ten Memorable matches featuring Jamie and the Bulls

Hereford 1 (White) Chester 0
February 20, 1996

Debut match

The Bulls are about to begin their charge towards the League 2 play-offs when a young, blond midfielder from Swindon joins their ranks.

But, at the moment, their glances are more towards the other end of the table as this win takes them up only as far as an unpromising 16th position.

Unfortunately, Jamie's first appearance in United colours is curtailed by injury and he's not on the pitch when his former Swindon colleague Steve White pops up with an injury-time strike.

Hereford 2 (Brough, Pitman) Farnborough 1 (Mehew)
September 9, 1997

First Goal

Farnborough were to prove Jamie's most popular opponents when it came to goalscoring and his first senior goal set the tone.

United have hardly set the Conference alight after their relegation from the Football League the previous May, and things look bleak when they fall behind to the struggling visitors.

But John Brough bags an equaliser and then, three minutes from the time, an excellent move sees Rob Warner find Jamie with an accurate pass which he hammers into the net.

Hereford 2 (Grayson 2, 1 pen) Brighton 1 (Storer)
November 15, 1997

FA Cup Giantkilling

The revenge match to beat them all after Brighton effectively relegated the Bulls – with the injured Jamie on the sidelines – in the final game of the previous season.

The Match of the Day cameras turned out along with more than 5,700 fans for United's latest giantkilling and a game that had thrills aplenty.

Keeper Andy Debont saved a penalty and then prompting from Jamie and another Bull who would later become physio, Ian Foster, enabled Neil Grayson to play a key two-goal role.

Hereford 0 Yeovil Town 1 (Belgrave)
April 8, 2000

Happy Return

Jamie is at the end of his second year at Yeovil when the chance to play for his new side against his old at Edgar Street for the first time finally arrives.

He has another former Bull – Tony Pennock – and a future one – Ben Smith – lining up alongside him as Barrington Belgrave's goal on the stroke of half-time is decisive.

Pennock has an excellent game but, while Leroy May and Matt Clarke hit the woodwork for the Bulls, a typically industrious midfield display from Jamie guides the Glovers home.





Woking 1 (Pitman) Hereford 0

October 28, 2000

FA Cup Villain

Jamie dumps the Bulls out of the FA Cup at the fourth qualifying round stage on a soggy afternoon at Kingfield which sees most of the United fans drenched in a deluge.

The pitch is hardly fit for play as the downpour goes on and on but it's not too wet for Jamie to miss the chance to remind United of his qualities.

It's one of his less familiar skills that proves decisive on the half-hour as he ghosts in to the Hereford area and outjumps the defence to head home at the far post.

Hereford 2 (Pitman 2) Farnborough 1 (Lee)

August 17, 2002

Welcome Back

Jamie grafts away in midfield in the first game of his second playing spell at Edgar Street as United's new-look side, with seven players making their debut, make a winning start.

Farnborough again prove happy opponents for him as he strikes twice – his only two-goal display in Hereford colours.

United were to make a promising start to the season with Jamie scoring four times in five games as Graham Turner's men, begin to show the flair inspired by Richard O'Kelly's coaching.

Forest Green 1 (Searle) Hereford 7 (Parry 3, Smith 2, Purdie, Pitman)

December 19, 2003

Star Show

It's only the Friday night before Christmas but the Bulls have already scored five three times and seven once as the goals keep flowing – there will be 103 by the end of an unforgettable campaign.



Jamie grabs one of his two goals in the season as United pour forward in another attacking display which thrills the fans and has Green boss Colin Addison scratching his head.

A future coaching colleague – Cardiff City boss Lennie Lawrence – is in the crowd with Paul Parry's hat-trick impressing sufficiently to earn a New Year transfer to Ninian Park.

Dagenham & Redbridge 0 Hereford 9

February 27, 2004

Record Victory

No-one who was there will forget this Friday night in East London – and neither will many who were not, thanks to wall-to-wall coverage from Sky TV.

It's hard to separate the two sides in the first half-hour although Danny Shipp's sending-off enables Tony James to start the goal-rush from the penalty spot.

From the 30-minute mark, United are simply unstoppable as everything flies into the unfortunate Tony Roberts' goal in a scoreline which equals the Conference record.

Hereford 0 Aldershot Town 0

May 3, 2004

Ultimate Disappointment

United, who have missed out on promotion by a single point despite their 103-goal tally, finish 21 points clear of their play-off opponents.

But that turns out to be entirely irrelevant as the harsh sending-off of Andy Tretton proves an insurmountable obstacle.

Ironically, it was a Bull – the Shots keeper Nikki – whose superb display in the first leg at the Recreation Ground had prevented United from being a long way out of sight.

Hereford 3 Halifax Town 2

May 20, 2006

Triumphant farewell

Jamie has to be content with a place on the substitutes' bench as the Bulls finally earn their place back in the Football League after nine long years away.

But he's there on the pitch at the end as 10,000 United fans are able to celebrate wildly after a superb match which thrills everyone at the Walkers Stadium.

Sadly, the euphoric high of Saturday is followed swiftly by the low of Monday when Jamie – along with other heroes Tony James and Guy Ipoua – is released from Edgar Street.

Tributes to Jamie

BEN Smith can provide as good an insight into Jamie Pitman, the midfielder, as anyone after the pair played together for two different clubs.

"We had a couple of years playing in central midfield at Yeovil Town and then had two seasons together at Hereford," said the former Bulls star, who will be returning to Edgar Street later this season in Crawley Town's colours.

"As a partnership, we complemented each other well as my weaknesses were his strengths.

"I could go forward in the knowledge that he would be covering behind me – his was not the glamorous role and he was very disciplined.

"He has made the most of his abilities and not just in football, which is not something that everyone achieves – whatever he does, he wants to do it to the best of his ability; he is a perfectionist."

Smith has no doubt at all that his former team-mate has what it takes to become a successful manager.

"He definitely has what it takes to be a success," said Smith.

"He is strong willed, well adjusted and intelligent. He realises that a manager will not be good at everything and has brought in good people to work alongside him – such as Russell Hoults who seems to complement him well.

"Former physios such as Neil Adkins, at Scunthorpe and now Southampton, and Les Parry, at Tranmere, have done well as managers and, while there are bigger clubs than Hereford in the division, small clubs like Stevenage, Torquay and Accrington showed last season what can be done."



STEVE Guinan fired home the bullets loaded by Jamie Pitman as he enjoyed the most profitable season of his career at Edgar Street in 2003-4.

Now with Kidderminster Harriers, Guinan bagged 29 goals in all competitions as United missed out on automatic promotion from the Conference despite scoring 103 times.

But it was Jamie's own goalscoring ability that first alerted Steve to his talents at the start of the previous season.

"I didn't really notice him much during the pre-season," recalled the former Nottingham Forest man.

"But then, in the first game against Farnborough, he scored both goals as we won 2-1.

"He did really well at the start of that season and scored quite a few goals early on.

"Jamie was a very important part of my first two seasons at Hereford – he was a very solid and combative midfielder."

Guinan, who is forging a career in coaching as manager of the junior academy at Hartpury College as well as continuing his playing career with Kidderminster, recognises attributes in his former team-mate which he believes will make him a success as a manager.

"He is very methodical and organised which is a big help," said Guinan. "He deals with people very well – you can be the best coach in the world but if you can't deal with people then you will never succeed as a manager."



VERY few people are more qualified to give their opinion on Jamie than the former Bulls manager Graham Turner.

Now boss of Shrewsbury Town, just 50 or so miles up the A49, the ex-Hereford chief added Jamie to his staff not just once but three times.

"We signed him first of all from Swindon when he was about 20 years old," said Turner.

"He was combative, competitive, tenacious in the tackle and very brave.

"And he had the ability, there was no doubt about that or he would not have reached the level he did.

"Those were his biggest attributes and they had not changed when we brought him back to the club after spells at Yeovil and at Woking."

Turner also had the difficult task of ending Jamie's playing career at Edgar Street and only two days after the euphoria of gaining promotion back to the Football League.

But, even as he delivered the bad news in the board-room, Turner had the feeling that they had not worked together for the last time.

And, two years later, when the physio position became vacant at Edgar Street, the long-serving Bulls boss looked no further than his former player.

"Jamie always had a special affiliation with the club and he was the natural choice to come back," said Turner.

"I have not, of course, worked with Jamie as a manager but he took a couple of coaching sessions when I was at Edgar Street and he was decent at that.

"He will certainly bring great enthusiasm to the manager's job."



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Primary School

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Bolton Wanderers

Darren Pratley

Midfielder Darren Pratley became Wanderers' first signing of the 2011/12 campaign after agreeing a deal with the club following the expiration of his contract at newly promoted Swansea City.

The 26-year-old looks set to add vital lung power to the Wanderers engine room ahead of the 2011/12 season.

David Wheeler

Former England Under-21 international Wheeler penned a three-and-a-half year deal at the Reebok Stadium in the 2011 January transfer window arriving from Middlesbrough for an undisclosed fee.

Wheeler made 11 appearances for Bolton towards the end of the 2010/11 campaign after completing his move from Middlesbrough. And during his first 345 minutes in a Wanderers shirt, the team did not concede a goal.

Tom Eaves

Tom Eaves was Wanderers' fifth recruit in the 2010 summer transfer window.

The 18-year-old signed a three-year contract at the Reebok Stadium after moving from Oldham Athletic for an undisclosed fee.

Although Eaves didn't make a competitive first team appearance in 2010/11, he hit double figures in terms of goals in John Henry's reserve team setup.

Rob Lainton

Rob Lainton joined Bolton Wanderers' academy at the U15 level and has since progressed through to the first-team level, via the U18s and Reserve sides.

Born in Hyde, Lainton was considered as the third choice goalkeeper for the 2010/11 season behind Jussi Jaaskelainen and Adam Bogdan.

The young stopper got his first taste of action in a Bolton Wanderers matchday squad in the Barclays Premier League in the away fixture at Arsenal, acting as substitute goalkeeper with Jaaskelainen suspended.

Marcos Alonso

Marcos Alonso joined Bolton Wanderers from Real Madrid in the summer of 2010

Alonso, who is a natural left-sided defender, added competition to Paul Robinson at left-back during 2010/11.

He made his debut for Wanderers in the pre-season victory against St Johnstone at McDiarmid Park and later went on to make nine competitive appearances throughout his first season with Bolton.

Robbie Blake

Robbie Blake joined Bolton Wanderers on a free transfer from Burnley in the summer of 2010.

A prolific goal scorer at every level he has played, Blake shot to prominence at Bradford City in 1997 when he moved from Darlington for £300,000.

Blake will spend a second season at the Reebok Stadium after agreeing a one-year contract extension, one which will tie him down until the summer of 2012.

Martin Petrov

Bulgarian international winger Martin Petrov joined Bolton Wanderers from Manchester City on a Bosman on July 1, 2010.

Petrov boasts a wealth of experience at the top level having played in the German Bundesliga with Wolfsburg, La Liga in Spain with Atletico Madrid and, most recently, in the Barclays Premier League with Manchester City.

In 2010/11, Petrov made 28 appearances for Bolton and scored goals against Manchester United, Tottenham and Blackpool.

Stuart Holden

The Americal international, who joined in January 2010 from Houston Dynamo, has proven to be a real hit at the Reebok Stadium.

Having endured a stop-start first six months, his career with Bolton really took off in his first full season as he became a focal point in central midfield.

Holden was handed the number eight shirt at the start of the 2010/11 campaign and went on to make a total 26 appearances in the Premier League before his season was brought to an unfortunate end at Old Trafford in March.

Ivan Klasnic

The Croatian international re-signed for Wanderers on a permanent basis in the 2010 summer transfer window after spending the previous season on loan from Nantes.

He scored eight goals in his first year in

English football, with his outstanding contribution coming against Manchester City last November when the former Werder Bremen man claimed a superb brace of goals in an enthralling 3-3 draw with the big spending Blues.

The vastly experienced frontman has also found the net on 11 occasions for Croatia in 37 appearances, with two of those strikes coming against Poland and Turkey at the 2008 European Championships.

Chung-Yong Lee

The South Korean winger has followed-up his impressive debut first season in English football with yet another sterling campaign in 2010/11.

He played a starring role in South Korea's World Cup run where he scored goals against Argentina and Uruguay as they reached the last 16 stage.

Returning to Bolton in August of 2010 after his exploits in South Africa, the flamboyant winger carried on where he had left off in a Bolton shirt as he scored goals against Stoke City and Newcastle United in late 2011.

Chung-Yong also netted at St Andrew's for the second season in succession when he headed a dramatic last minute winner to book Wanderers' place at Wembley for the FA Cup semi-finals, as Bolton edged a pulsating last-eight tie by 3-2.

Zat Knight

Zat Knight moved to the Reebok in July 2009, on the same day Wanderers also swooped for Sam Ricketts.

Standing at six foot six inches tall, Knight has a decade worth of Barclays Premier League experience, having gained promotion from Division One with Fulham in 2001.

Knight was an ever present in the Bolton side under Owen Coyle's management up until February of 2011 when he was left sidelined for seven weeks after sustaining a knee injury in the 2-0 home victory over Everton.

Sean Davis

Frustratingly for both Wanderers' supporters and Davis himself, the midfielder has only been able to feature in four competitive matches since joining on a free transfer from Portsmouth in the summer of 2009.

Davis is looking to put his knee injuries behind him and make a return to playing duties at the start of the 2011/12 season.



Paul Robinson

Paul Robinson joined Wanderers in July 2009 from West Bromwich Albion.

During his first season at the Reebok, the tough-tackling full-back competed for a place on the left side of defence with J Lloyd Samuel and made a total of 25 appearances.

Robinson made the position his own in 2010/11, missing only a handful of matches in the Barclays Premier League.

Mark Davies

Mark Davies moved to Bolton in January, 2009, after the Whites struck a deal with Wolverhampton Wanderers for his services.

The highly-rated midfielder penned a four-and-a-half year deal with the club, after swapping Molineux for the Reebok Stadium for an undisclosed fee.

During 2010/11, Davies was a vital cog in centre midfield, offering an extra attacking option from the centre of the pitch.

He made 31 appearances and scored what was later crowned as the club's Goal of the Season when Bolton fought back from two goals down to earn a 2-2 draw with Blackpool in November 2010.

Adam Bogdan

During 2010/11, Wanderers' Hungarian goalkeeper has provided important back-up in the goalkeeping department and also enhanced his ever growing reputation.

Bogdan's progress was rewarded with a new three-year contract in March 2011, one which will keep him at the Reebok Stadium until the summer of 2014.

Gretar Steinsson

Gretar Steinsson completed his third full season at Bolton Wanderers in 2010/11, making 26 appearances in all competitions.

The Iclander was a mainstay at right-back, however a couple of minor knee injuries kept him out of the team, most notably at the turn of the year.

Steinsson scored his only goal of the season in November against Tottenham Hotspur as Wanderers brought the Londoners back down to earth with a 4-2 win - just three days after Spurs had beaten reigning Champions League holders Inter Milan.

A popular character both on and off the field, Steinsson joined Bolton for £3.5m in

January 2008 from Dutch side AZ Alkmar. He had started his professional career with Icelandic side Akranes before later moving to Swiss outfit Young Boys in 2004.

Matt Taylor

Matt Taylor joined Wanderers in January 2008 for a fee in the region of £4m from Portsmouth.

He played in excess of 170 games for Pompey, having moved to the south coast in 2002 from Luton Town - the club that gave him his break in professional football.

Taylor, famed for his brilliance from set-piece situations, has become a regular feature in the Wanderers squad over the last three-and-a-half seasons and recorded over 140 appearances and 23 goals in a Bolton shirt as of the summer of 2011.

Fabrice Muamba

Fabrice Muamba completed his third full season at Bolton in 2010/11, where he was a virtual ever-present by making 41 appearances in all competitions.

His only goal of the campaign arrived in December when he scored in Wanderers' 2-1 derby win over Blackburn Rovers at the Reebok Stadium.

This followed an impressive 2009/10 campaign, where the former Arsenal and Birmingham man finished in the top three for the Player of the Year award.

Gary Cahill

The 2010/11 campaign was a season to remember for Gary Cahill, whose commanding performances in the heart of Bolton's defence finally resulted in international recognition.

The Sheffield-born star earned his first full cap in September 2010 against Bulgaria before making his full debut against Ghana the following March.

On the domestic scene, Cahill once again fortified his reputation as one of the country's hottest prospects with commanding performances at the heart of Bolton's defence alongside Zat Knight and David Wheater.

Kevin Davies

No player epitomises Bolton's fighting spirit more than Kevin Davies, who has been a colossus since he joined the club on a free transfer from Southampton in 2003.

And the long-serving frontman once again excelled in his second full season occupying the captain's armband.

Davies chipped in with crucial goals in crucial games, including a brace in the 4-2 victory over Tottenham Hotspur and a penalty in the 3-2 FA Cup quarter-final win over Birmingham City.

The former Chesterfield man started all 38 of the team's Premier League games.

2009 Player of the Year award and, most recently, the 2011 Community Player of the Year accolade.

Jussi Jaaskelainen

Consistency is a trait that supporters have come to expect from the club legend, and that has once again been apparent over the course of the 2010/11 season.

The Finnish stopper, who moved to the club from his homeland in 1997, was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial in 2009, which took place against Scottish outfit Hibernian a week before the 2009/10 season started.

Jaaskelainen made his 500th appearance for Bolton against Birmingham in an FA Cup quarter-final tie in March 2011.

Jaaskelainen is sure to be remembered as one of the best pound-for-pound signings in Wanderers' proud history after a remarkable stint as the club's undisputed number one, and he was recognised for the loyalty when he received an Outstanding Achievement award at the 2011 Player of the Year Dinner.

Ricardo Gardner

In his 13th year at the Reebok, the fans' favourite contributed in the final weeks of the season as Wanderers successfully completed their tenth season in the Barclays Premier League.

The Jamaica captain battled with a knee injury for the first six months of the 2010/11 season before returning to fitness after the turn of the year.

Gardner now has more than 400 games under his belt in a Bolton shirt and could be set to accumulate even more having recently accepted the offer of a new contract at the Reebok.

The Teams



Hereford United

- 1 Adam Bartlett
- 2 Ryan Green
- 3 Joe Heath
- 4 Harry Pell
- 5 Michael Townsend
- 6 Rob Purdie
- 7 Stuart Fleetwood
- 8 Nicky Featherstone
- 9 Yoann Arquin
- 10 Delroy Facey
- 11 Kenny Lunt
- 12 Dan Connor
- 14 James McQuilkin
- 15 Tyler Weir
- 17 Joe Colbeck
- 19 Kyle McCarthy
- 22 Janos Kovacs
- 23 Sean Canham
- 24 Stefan Stam



Bolton Wanderers

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- Matthew Taylor
- Stuart Holden
- Martin Petrov
- Ricardo Gardner
- Zat Knight
- Rob Lainton
- Kevin Davies
- Mark Davies
- Ivan Klasnic
- Samuel Ricketts
- Robbie Blake
- Jussi Jaaskelainen
- Sean Davis
- Marcos Alonso
- Chung-Yong Lee
- Michael O'Halloran
- David Wheeler
- Temitope Obadeyi
- Tom Eaves
- Joshua Vela
- Mark Connolly

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